

California BRT Projects

Fact Sheet

Transit Operator: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)
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Project Name: Metro Orange Line (San Fernando Valley East-West Busway)
Project Location: North Hollywood Metro Red Line Station and Warner Center in Woodland Hills, CA
Status: Under Construction, scheduled to open August 2005

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is currently constructing a 14.4-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line in the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles. The Metro Orange Line includes 13 stations that will serve major activity centers including North Hollywood, the Van Nuys Civic Center, Valley College, Pierce College, and Warner Center, a high-density employment center located near Woodland Hills. The line is being constructed on portions of the former Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way that was purchased in 1991 for a future rapid transit corridor. The line meanders from Lankershim Boulevard west along Chandler Boulevard, private right-of-way portions, and Victory Boulevard to Warner Center. The project is intended to improve mobility for residents and employees in the corridor, reduce travel times from 55 minutes to 35 minutes for bus riders in the corridor, and provide relief for congested conditions on area streets and the Ventura Freeway. Additionally, the BRT will provide an extension to the successful Metro Red Line system and improve connectivity to the rapid transit system for bus riders throughout the San Fernando Valley. 24,700 average weekday boardings are forecasted on the proposed line in 2020, including 6,300 daily new riders. The project is estimated to cost \$314 million in escalated dollars.

The Metro Orange Line will pass under I-170 and I-405, but no stations are planned at those intersections.